

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

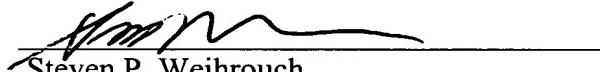
Claims 1-27, 31-46, 54, 57-65, and 67 are pending in this application. Claims 28-30, 47-53, 55-56, and 66 have been cancelled.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all remaining claims are now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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